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The enclosed Amendment and Response is in reply to the final Office Action, mailed June 10, 2009, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

This paper includes the following:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2;

Remarks beginning on page 5; and

Exhibit 1 following page 6, which is discussed herein.